

**Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form**

All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections

Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

**Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup> (Annually)**

190253

Study Area Code (SAC)

(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for **each** SAC through which it provides Lifeline service).

2016

VA

Recertification Year

State

Virginia Telephone Company

DBA, Marketing, or Other Branding Name

(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)

143001417

Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN)

Virginia Telephone Company

ETC Name

TDS Telecommunications Corporation

Holding Company Name

(If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)

**Does the reporting company have affiliated ETCs?**

Yes ☒

No ☐

Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.

Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name
-- See attached worksheet --	

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

**Section 1: Initial Certification** All ETCs must complete this section

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial AKM

## Section 2: Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

A	B	C	D	E = (A - B - C - D)
Number of subscribers claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year  (February data month)	Number of lines claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to wireline resellers	Number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 that were <u>initially</u> enrolled in the current Form 555 calendar year  (These subscribers did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current 555 calendar year.)	Number of subscribers de-enrolled <u>prior</u> to recertification attempt by either the ETC, a state administrator, access to an eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying for current Form 555 calendar year
12	0	0	0	12

### Recertification Results:

F	G	H = (F-G)	I	J = (H+I)
Number of subscribers ETC contacted directly to recertify eligibility through attestation	Number of subscribers responding to ETC contact	Number of non-responding subscribers	Number of subscribers responding that they are no longer eligible  (This should be a subset of Block G.)	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or response of ineligibility from ETC recertification attempt
0	0	0	0	0

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC
12	4

**Note:** If any subscriber was reviewed by an ETC accessing a state database or by a state administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in Blocks F through J as appropriate and not in Blocks K and L. As a result, all subscribers subject to recertification who were not de-enrolled prior to the recertification attempt must be accounted for in Block F or Block K.

The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

### Certification:

Based on the data entered above, initial the certification(s) below that apply. Both Certification A and B may apply depending on the recertification procedures in place for the SAC reporting on this form. If Certification C applies, neither Certification A nor B may apply.

A) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

AND/OR

B) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on: USAC. (List database or name of administrator here) Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial AKM

OR

C) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3: De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

<b>M = (F+K)</b>	<b>N = (J+L)</b>	<b>O = ((N ÷ M) * 100)</b>
<b>Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly or through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC</b> <i>(This should equal the number reported in Block E)</i>	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility	<b>Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response</b>
12	4	33.33%

### Section 4: ETCs Subject to the Non-Usage Requirements

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box. ETCs that do not assess and collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers are subject to the non-usage requirements. ETCs subject to the non-usage requirements must indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month in Section 4. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are subject to the non-usage requirements and must also indicate the number of subscribers de-enrolled by month.

Is the ETC subject to the non-usage requirements? Yes ☒ No ☒

If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
Total Subscribers	0

### Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed,  
Certified Online  
 Signature of Officer  
amanda.moore@tdstelecom.com  
 Email Address of Officer  
Nicole Mauritz  
 Person Completing This Certification Form

Amanda Moore, Assistant  
 Treasurer  
 Printed Name and Title of Officer  
01/30/2017  
 Date  
608-664-2415  
 Contact Phone Number

## Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
100005	Cobbosseecontee Telephone Company
100007	The Island Telephone Company
100010	Hampden Telephone Company
100011	Hartland and St. Albans Telephone Company
100024	Somerset Telephone Company
100031	Warren Telephone Company
100034	The West Penobscot Telephone and Telegraph Company
109002	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
120045	Kearsarge Telephone Company
120047	Merrimack County Telephone Company
120049	Union Telephone Company
120050	Wilton Telephone Company
123321	Contoocook Telephone Company. Hollis Telephone Company
129002	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
140058	Ludlow Telephone Company
140061	Northfield Telephone Company
140062	Perkinsville Telephone Company Inc.
150089	Deposit Telephone Company Inc.
150092	Edwards Telephone Company Inc.
150114	Oriskany Falls Telephone Corporation
150118	Port Byron Telephone Company
150129	Township Telephone Company Inc.
150133	Vernon Telephone Company Inc.
170183	Mahanov and Mahantango Telephone Company
170206	Sugar Valley Telephone Company
190217	Amelia Telephone Corporation
193029	New Castle Telephone Company
209005	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
210338	Quincy Telephone Company (Florida)
220346	Blue Ridge Telephone Company
220351	Camden Telephone and Telegraph Company Inc.
220375	Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company
239006	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
240533	McClellanville Telephone Company Inc.
240535	Norway Telephone Company Inc.
240544	St. Stephen Telephone Company
240551	Williston Telephone Company
250284	Butler Telephone Company Inc.
250311	Oakman Telephone Company Inc.
250314	Peoples Telephone Company Inc.
260411	Leslie County Telephone Company
260412	Lewisport Telephone Company
260417	Salem Telephone Company
280448	Calhoun City Telephone Company Inc.
283301	Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company Inc.
287449	Mirtle Telephone Company Inc.
290559	Concord Telephone Exchange Inc.
290566	Humphreys County Telephone Company
290575	Tennessee Telephone Company
290578	Tellico Telephone Company Inc.

## Affiliated ETCs

SAC	Name
299010	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
300585	Arcadia Telephone Companv
300607	Continental Telephone Companv
300613	Little Miami Communications Corporation
300645	Oakwood Telephone Companv
300662	The Vanlue Telephone Companv
310672	Communication Corporation of Michigan
310677	Island Telephone Companv
310685	Chatham Telephone Companv
310726	Shiawassee Telephone Companv
310738	Wolverine Telephone Companv
320744	Camden Telephone Companv Inc.
320776	Communications Corporation of Indiana
320777	The Home Telephone Companv of Pittsboro Inc.
320778	Home Telephone Companv Inc. (Waldron)
320788	The Merchants and Farmers Telephone Companv
320809	Communications Corporation of Southern Indiana
320816	S and W Telephone Companv Inc.
320829	Tipton Telephone Companv Inc
320830	Tri-Countv Telephone Companv Inc
320837	West Point Telephone Companv
330844	Badger Telecom LLC
330849	Black Earth Telephone Companv LLC
330851	Bonduel Telephone Companv
330856	Burlington Brighton and Wheatland Telephone Companv
330859	Central State Telephone Companv LLC
330875	Dickevville Telephone LLC
330880	The Farmers Telephone Companv LLC
330881	Mid-Plains Telephone LLC
330909	Midwav Telephone Companv LLC
330914	EastCoast Telecom Inc
330915	Mosinee Telephone Companv LLC
330917	Mt. Vernon Telephone Companv LLC
330930	Grantland Telecom Inc.
330943	Riverside Telecom LLC
330945	The Scandinavia Telephone Companv LLC
330952	Southeast Telephone Companv of Wisconsin Inc
330954	Stockbridge and Sherwood Telephone Companv
330955	State Long Distance Telephone Companv LLC
330958	Tennev Telephone Companv LLC
330963	UTELCO LLC
330968	Waunakee Telephone Companv
339007	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
359016	Yakima MSA Limited Partnership
361350	Arvig Telephone Companv
361362	Bridge Water Telephone Companv
361413	Mid State Telephone Companv KMP
361433	Mid-State Telephone Companv
361507	Winsted Telephone Companv
431984	Oklahoma Communication Svstems Inc. DBA TDS Teleco

## Affiliated ETCs

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